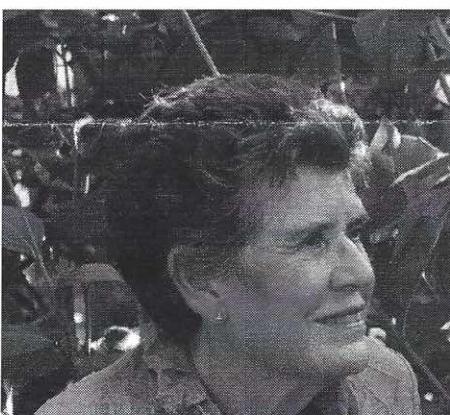


SURF PINES CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SPRING & SUMMER 2016

- **MAY 13 ~~ Surf Pines Board Meeting** 4:00 to 6:00 South Meeting House
- **JUNE 17 ~~ Surf Pines Board Meeting** 4:00 to 6:00 South Meeting House
- **JULY 2 ~~ Surf Pines Garage Sale** 9:00 am
- **JULY 3 ~~ Picnic in the Park** 3:00
- **AUGUST 6 ~~ ANNUAL MEETING** Astoria Country Club 9:00



A special welcome to the 25 new residents listed in the January mailing. You are certainly adding new life to our community.

When I asked for Board goals to set for ourselves from now through August I received three goals: Establish a vegetation management plan - which refers to the herbicides we use in Surf Pines to control weeds or noxious plants even if natural to the area, such as Sand Spurs; to run efficient meetings; and to deal with issues in a timely manner. I believe there has been action and work done in each of these areas. The Board has dealt with emergencies as they have arisen and invested many many hours solving problems. I especially thank Richard Puetz for the research and manual labor he has extended to get the pumps working to solve flooding issues. We have a lot of work yet to do, including cleaning out ditches and culverts and monitoring the pumps. I also thank Don Kruger for the research and help he gave to Surf Pines on this issue. And I thank you, the residents, who altered your walking and driving patterns to accommodate the rising water. Our aquifer is full with no capacity to absorb new water on the land. With pumps moved and repaired, we hope for a decrease in sitting water. The Board is drafting a "*Permanent Herbicide Moratorium*" by-law for a vote at the Annual Meeting in August.

My Goals as President for this year:

1. Run a fiscally sound organization
2. Ensure that the Board represents the residents and their issues and concerns
3. Respond quickly to calls, letters and requests from Board members, Committees and residents
4. Recruit volunteers for Committees and future Boards by demonstrating our commitment to the Association, handling issues in a satisfactory manner (taking into consideration #2 & #3).
5. Complete Annual Evaluations for both employees, evaluating goals, skills and salary

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We have only had a handful of security incidents this last quarter. We had two different times where we had a break-in. One was a trial (4&5) -- one was lost and the other just didn't care that this is a private area. Anytime you leave your home, make sure you give each a ride into Gearhart and out of our community. There were also several false alarms because of power outages we have had. Please check the batteries in your security alarms and replace as needed. If you hear an alarm going off or see something that doesn't look quite right please give me a call right away, rather answer a false alarm than to miss a real one.

Much of this past winter we have been fighting to keep Ocean Drive above water. For awhile it seemed like we were losing the battle, but I think we finally are getting it under control. I would like to personally thank those who stepped up to allow us to pump water across their property to help lower the levels of water. At one point it became dangerously high. To me this showed true concern for the safety of your neighbors and your spirit.

In closing, Carol and I would like to thank all of you for the thoughts, prayers, food, flowers and good wishes that have been sent our way. We are sure they are the reason we are doing so well. It is overwhelming to know how many loving friends we have here in Surf Pines.

Thank-you,
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Thank you to each Board and Committee member for your work. Surf Pines remains a destination community because of your hard work.

The annual scotch broom cuttings piles removal are 95% complete, several of our community residents helped with this process; Claire & Richard Puetz, Ken Thompson and our Security personnel John Gates and Susan Holloway current HOA president. More volunteers are needed to complete the project, so just give John a jingle and help Surf Pines make a clean sweep.

As you know our community has had its fair share of rain this winter. Its' been over a decade since we have had high water on Ocean Drive. Due to an unforeseen complication with one of our pumping stations Surf Pines moved the good pump from station #3 and installed it at station #1. Being a new startup, we called Wadsworth Electric to handle the electrical stuff and we called Carlson Contracting Inc. for the muscle to remove and reinstall the pump, "A smooth running operation from the get-go". As the water resided from the south end of Ocean Drive from the pump running, we were able to set the floats to their new locations so that the pump could run without human assistance, what a relief that is! The pump is reducing the water over the road at the south end, Postal Service has been resumed and a dent has been made in the high water on Ocean Drive. Now all we need is for Summer to show up three months early.

The other pump at station #3 was also removed and was picked up by our vendor PumpTech Inc. who will repair the seal leak . As of this morning (Thursday 24th of March) it was 90% fixed. They have to do a certification on the pump and then they will deliver it to our station #3. Surf Pines volunteers will coordinate the reinstallation and activation of the unit.

The R&G committee is reviewing solutions to the winter flooding of beach path #4 as it is in the path of the drainage for station #3.

On another note, once the weather gets warmer and dryer, we will be applying "the solution" (one gallon- white vinegar-5% acetic acid /one cup- Epson salt /one oz.- dish soap) for our weeds in the park and on the trails to the beach. Also we will be installing the remaining beach posts to their old counter parts. If you have noticed, this years storms have deposited several feet of sand alone the beach posts, Surf Pines will need many volunteers to get these projects completed. Don't be shy, you could meet new friends. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting hall for these projects starting the month of April.

Looking forward to a great summer,

Have fun,

Richard Puetz

Volunteer with the Roads and Grounds Committee

SAND BURR FORMULA BEING USED
1 gallon 5-6% cider vinegar
1/4 cup dish soap
2 cups epsom salts

Dissolve the salts in the liquid and spray on the sand burrs when dry weather can be counted on for a number of hours.

This formula will be used in the park, trails and road sides. We would love your

Volunteers Needed!

- Board Membership
- Monday morning clean up parties
- Scotch Broom Removal
- Committee Membership

DO WE HAVE YOUR NUMBER???

- Have you given up your landline? If so, have you

given us your cell phone numbers?

- We also want any changes to your e-mail address. Please check

all your information to make sure it's current.

- These up-dates help with security for you and your home.

- Your new directory will be mailed with the Annual Meeting packet.

- Please send any changes to: brogie1@frontier.com

- These changes are needed by July 1st.

Security Notes from John Gates

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